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In re the Application of: Pauline Brenda Hardy and Garth Nesbitt

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

**ATTN: Office of PCT Legal Administration**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

The above referenced application was filed on December 20, 2005, designating it as a national phase application. This was in error. The application should be filed as a U.S. Application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). It is therefore requested that the application be designated as a U.S. application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

All the necessary papers are presently on file with the Patent Office, including, specification, claims, drawings, and a declaration signed by the two inventors. A copy of the Declaration is enclosed. A change of correspondence address has been filed, designating a difference address than that shown on the Declaration.

The required petition fee of \$400.00 is enclosed. If additional papers are required, please let the undersigned attorney know what papers are required.

It therefore requested that the above referenced application be processed as a U.S. application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

Sincerely,

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